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CONSERVATION OF LAKES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for conservation of lakes;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the targets fixed and the achievements made thereunder during the last three years;

(d) whether the number of lakes is declining in the country;

(e) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of lakes taken up/to be taken up under the said plan during the next two years alongwith the fund allocation, lake-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Government of India is implementing the programme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation & management of polluted lakes and tanks in the country. The NLCP was initiated in June, 2001 on 70:30 sharing basis between the Central and the State Government concerned. Since then, projects for conservation of 45 lakes have been approved at a cost of Rs.542.64 crore. The State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(c) During the last three financial years, an amount of Rs. 99.62 crore has been released by the Government of India as Central share towards the lake conversation projects and conservation works in 10 lakes so far are reported to have been completed under the Programme.

(d) to (f) The Lakes are degraded due to various reasons including siltation, discharge of pollutants from domestic & industrial sectors, agricultural run-off, encroachments etc. The approved budget (Revised Estimate) under the NLCP for the year 2006-07 stands at Rs. 58.41 crore, whereas the budget for the year 2007-08 has been approved at Rs.100 crore for taking up new projects as well as for the ongoing projects. Allocations for the remaining period of XI Plan have not yet been finalized. The Ministry had requested all the States/UTs for prioritization of lakes for consideration under NLCP, in response to which so far, 15 States/UTs have sent their prioritization. New proposals during financial year under the programme are taken up depending upon the prioritization by States, pollution status of the lakes and the availability of funds under the Plan.